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March 28, 1988

Ms. Susan Swales 5HE-12 U.S. EPA - Region V Waste Management Division CERCLA Enforcement Section 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Ninth Avenue Dump, Gary Indiana

U.S. Scrap, Chicago Illinois

Dear Ms. Swales:

We are general counsel for Heatbath Corporation ("Heatbath"). This letter is in response to the letter sent by USEPA notifying Heatbath of potential liability with respect to the above-referenced sites and requesting information regarding shipments of hazardous waste material which may have been sent by Heatbath to these sites.

After an extensive reveiw of their records and files, Heatbath has been unable to locate any documentation reflecting shipments of hazardous waste or other material to either of the sites in question during the period from 1965 to 1977. Heatbath further has no documents which reflect or reveal any involvement with U.S. Scrap Corp., Liquid Engineering, U.S. Drum Corp., U.S. Drum Disposal, Steve Martell or David Head. Inquiry among Heatbath personnel similarly reveals no recollection of conducting business with these individuals and businesses. Finally, Heatbath has no knowledge of the operation of the Ninth Avenue Dump or the U.S. Scrap site, or of the transportation, storage and/or disposal of waste materials at these sites by Heatbath or other persons or entities.

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Should you have any questions or require any additional information please feel free to contact me. However, in light of the above, Heatbath requests that its name be deleted at this time as a potentially responsible party with respect to both of these sites.

Very truly yours,

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JEE; nbh

cc: Ernest Whelan

James J. Casey Robin L. Lunn

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AFFIDAVIT OF PHIL L. VADEBONCOEUR

- I Phil L. Vadeboncoeur, on oath depose and state:
- 1. I am Vice President of Heatbath Corporation.
- 2. I have searched the records of Heatbath
 Corporation and have located no documentation of any kind which
 reflects or reveals any involvement with U.S. Scrap Corp.,
 Liquid Engineering, U.S. Drum Disposal, Steve Martell or David
 Head. I further find no records relating to any shipments by
 Heatbath of hazardous waste or other material to the Ninth Avenue
 Dump in Gary, Indiana or to the U.S. Scrap site in Chicago,
 Illinois or regarding the operation of these sites.
- 3. I have also talked with Heatbath personnel and no one has any recollection of dealings with these businesses or persons.

4. I have personal knowledge as to the above and could testify to its accuracy.

Phil L./ Vadéboncoeur

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of March, 1988.

Notary Public

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My Commission Expires July 15, 1991



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